

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections set forth in the Office Action of September 9, 2004, are earnestly solicited.

Claims 1 and 5 have been canceled, and Claims 2, 6 and 9 have been amended, leaving Claims 2—4 and 6—9 pending in the application.

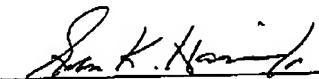
Claims 2 and 6 have been rewritten in independent form thereby rendering Claims 2 and 6 and their respective dependent Claims 3—4 and 7—9 allowable.

Claims 2, 6 and 9, as amended herein, and Claims 3, 4, 7 and 8, as originally submitted are believed to be in condition for allowance, early acknowledgment of which is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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